

## U.S. Consulate General Dubai Message to U.S. Citizens: CDC Information on MERS May 5, 2014

The U.S. Consulate in Dubai continues to monitor the effects of the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) in the region. U.S. Citizens residing in or traveling to the Gulf region may follow developments by accessing the Center for Disease Controls' (CDC) <u>guidance</u> relating to the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome. The CDC website contains information on the virus, reported cases, and guidance on when an individual should seek medical care or testing.

For more information, you may contact CDC:

CDC Media Relations: (404) 639-3286

CDC MERS-CoV 24/7 hotline: 770-488-7100

CDC MERS-CoV website: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers">www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers</a>

WHO coronavirus infections website:

www.who.int/csr/disease/coronavirus infections/en/index.html

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in the United Arab Emirates enroll in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at <a href="https://step.state.gov/step">https://step.state.gov/step</a>. STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Regularly monitor the State Department's website at <a href="http://travel.state.gov">http://travel.state.gov</a>, where you can find current Travel Warnings, (including the Travel Warning for the UAE if appropriate), Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the Country Specific Information for the UAE at <a href="http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis">http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis</a> pa <a href="tw/cis/cis">tw/cis/cis</a> <a href="tw/cis/cis">4965.html</a>. For additional information, refer to "A Safe Trip Abroad" on the State Department's website.

Contact the U.S. embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free from within the United States and Canada, or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on Twitter at <a href="https://mobile.twitter.com/travelgov">https://mobile.twitter.com/travelgov</a> and Facebook at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/travelgov">https://www.facebook.com/travelgov</a>. You can also download our free Smart Traveler App, available through <a href="https://www.facebook.com/travelgov">iTunes</a> and the <a href="https://www.facebook.com/travelgov">Android market</a>, to have travel information at your fingertips.

The U.S. Consulate General in Dubai is located at the corner of Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed and Al Seef Streets on the Dubai Creek in Bur Dubai. The telephone number at the Consulate General is (971) (4) 309-4000. The web site for the U.S. Consulate General in Dubai is http://dubai.usconsulate.gov/.

For after-hours emergencies involving U.S. citizens in Dubai, contact the Consulate General's Duty Officer at (971)(4) 309-4000.

The U.S. Embassy in Abu Dhabi is located at Embassies District, Plot 38, Sector W59-02, Street No. 4, and P.O. Box 4009. The telephone number is (971) (2) 414-2200. Information regarding services to U.S. citizens can be obtained at the Embassy's web site at <a href="http://abudhabi.usembassy.gov">http://abudhabi.usembassy.gov</a>.

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